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SITUATION INFORMATION REPORT

Although the Democratic National Convention has managed to complete its business in Chicago without serious loss of life, limb or property, it does not signal the beginning of a period of peace and tranquillity throughout the nation. Except for the vast security measures undertaken by local, state, and Federal authorities in connection with the DNC, it is generally conceded that disorder and disruption would have been escalated.

All the elements that existed prior to the Convention remain and in some cases have intensified. Although fortunate that serious racial disorder did not erupt in Chicago and that most dissident activists were hippies, yippies, anti-war demonstrators, and members of the far left, the racial agitators and militants do remain and it is projected that they will become active again when faced with a less prepared counterforce. Colleges and high schools will soon be reopening and there are indications that many are already marked for turmoil. The presidential campaign will lend itself as a constant target for disruptive tactics or worse with many politicians using the stump for harangues and agitation while others necessarily expose themselves to dissident action of all degrees. Tom HAYDEN and other leaders of the National Mobilization Committee, obviously highly elated at the success of their efforts to bring about confrontations with the police and National Guard at the Democratic National Convention, have already indicated that they intend to use same or similar tactics to produce "other Chicago's" and will also see that the Presidential candidates and others are continuously harassed throughout the campaign period. Tom HAYDEN exulted that the DNC was a "100% victory in propaganda."

SDS plans to disrupt the openings of major universities next month. They hoped to gather new members from the ranks of the dissenters at the DNC. The 3 steps toward SDS are from dissenter to radical to revolutionary.

According to J. Edgar HOOVER in the September - "FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin" - Many of SDS's members and some of its National leaders openly confess their faith in communist concepts and

their determination to "restructure" our society. One of the militant spokesmen of this group stated, for example that, "perhaps 25 universities linked to the movement would be too much for the police for the dominant class - and we would get what we demand." The New Left leaders plan to launch a widespread attack on educational institutions this fall. They are relying on collegiate dissidents and militants to bolster and accelerate this drive. It would be foolhardy for educators, public officials, and law enforcement officers to ignore or dismiss lightly the revolutionary terrorism invading college campuses. It is a serious threat to both the academic community and a lawful and orderly society.

Racial riots "are likely to continue to wreak havoc and destruction upon many cities in the near future," the American Political Science Association was warned 4 September 1968, by Michigan State political science Professors Bryan T. DOWNES and Stephen W. BARKS. They cited that "violence has historically been an integral part of the black protest movement." Many blacks are now convinced they will be granted social and political gains only if they riot and "that there is no evidence that the majority of white Americans eagerly look forward to integration." They offered a table showing 239 cases of "hostile black protest outbursts" in 213 cities between 1964 and May 1968. Those disturbances lasted a total of 523 days, involved 49,607 arrests, 7,942 wounded and 191 deaths. The Professors noted that the nature of racial trouble has changed. In early Southern-style riots, "whites attacked and killed Negroes they thought were responsible for disturbing the state of affairs." During racial troubles from 1920 through the 1950's, "Large numbers of blacks and whites engaged in collective violence against each other. In today's hostile outbursts blacks have been the primary participants." They concluded also that a surprisingly large percent of blacks participate in racial troubles and support them.

The 14 August 1968 edition of the Crime Control Digest states that "the pattern of civil disorders in 1968 has changed from the pattern that prevailed in 1967 and the elaborate U.S. Army, National Guard and police riot control program prepared to meet this years 'long hot summer' will have to be changed if this year's type of civil disturbance is to be prevented or controlled. This year's riot tactics have featured sniping and hit and run tactics on the police, principally by Black Power extremists, but by teen-agers in an increasing number of instances. The 1968 occurrences were not explosions of pent-up emotions and frustrations by residents of Negro ghettos, nor were they triggered by happenstance

but rather they appear to have been deliberately planned.

While there is still a deep resentment against conditions on the part of a considerable number of Negro ghetto residents, the Negro community as a whole has not participated in the 1968 disorders to the extent they took part in or sympathized with the riots in 1967. Part of this may be due to the program initiated by the NAACP, CORE and the National Urban League to improve life in the big-city slums, and part from a decision not to tangle with the U.S. Army which would be called if rioting of the 1967 type should break out. The ambush and sniping tactics, principally by Black Power extremists and the hit and run tactics of the teen-agers has never reached proportions that would necessitate calling in Army troops. While the 1968 disorders have not been the massive type or as destructive as those that scourged Newark, Detroit, Watts, and other cities, they have been more numerous than prevailed last year and they present problems against which our cities, states and the Federal Government do not have a ready and sure-fire response."

Editor's Note: It has been observed that the prompt and massive "over-reaction" by the Los Angeles Police Department at the time of the recent disorders following the 3rd Watts Anniversary activities kept them from significant acceleration. Further, it was observed that the DNC disorders failed to induce participation by Chicago's black ghettos whose leaders had ordered militants to cool it in face of the considerable forces of law and order mustered in advance of the Convention.

A modern phenomenon which has evolved in the last three or four years is the vast growth of the Underground Press. Underground means of mass communication utilized to avoid suppression by legal authority and/or attribution is not new to this age, but its volume is and the apparent freedom and ease in which filth, slanderous and libelous statements, and what appear to be almost treasonous anti-establishment propaganda is allowed to circulate is difficult to rationalize.

There are perhaps 150 - 200 underground papers, almost all of them less than 3 years old and most of them published under shaky financial condition in large cities or college towns. Largely created to reflect and shape the withdrawn life style of hippies and dropouts with a successful formula based on sex, drugs, rock music, Oriental religion and "the San Francisco look" in psychedelic art, they have taken a sharp turn toward radical politics. Now the material is yielding to coverage of

student uprisings, the peace movement, guerrilla activities, draft resistance and muck-raking attacks on the political and social establishment. Much of the disruptive activity so rampant currently is propagandized and directed through the facilities of this press and its extra utilization for publicizing as well as printing handbills, brochures, and other assorted items.

The underground journals range from the brash young political papers like the Giant Speckled Bird of Atlanta, to the solid affluence of the Los Angeles Free Press. But the general trend is toward radical politics. Like many editors, Max SCHERR of the Berkeley Barb believes that police "harassment" is the largest single factor in politicizing the alienated audience for underground papers. Much of the disenchantment of the flower people and the like is now being channeled into political radicalism by the war in Vietnam, pressure from the draft and the recent student revolts at Columbia and the Sorbonne.

Since the 1st of the year, the few older papers, such as The Barb and The San Francisco Free Press, have been joined by some 30 new radical underground papers, most of them heavily influenced by the leftist Students for a Democratic Society. Many of them, like the SDS, consider American society hopelessly corrupt and advocate disruption of "the system." In general the underground papers keep a sharp watch for misconduct by the police and for any evidence, however tenacious, that the U.S. is run by an interlocking directorate of the selfish and the complacent. The BPP gets heavy coverage, but otherwise race is not usually a priority issue. News coverage is consciously subjective and one-sided. The theory is that truth is rooted in personal experience, and that the standard news media, by insisting on impartial and detached coverage, omit and distort the underlying reality of crucial news events. In shorter form, the argument goes that no newspaper is objective - the underground papers are just the only ones acknowledging it.

The papers are not held together by massive objectivity, but by trust. This same trust led to the "Underground Press Service," an agreement among some 60 underground editors to reprint from one another's papers without special permission, attribution or rechecking. The underground papers are not a quality press. Eight out of 10 would fail if a few phonograph record companies stopped advertising in them.

The advantage of the political papers is that they know exactly what their goal is, and a good deal of the credit for their rise if being assigned to Liberation News Service. Liberation News was founded in Washington, D.C. in 1967 by Ray MUNGO (Boston University-1966)

and Marshall BLOOM (Amhurst 1966), both radical editors of their college papers. It provides inexpensive political coverage (\$15.00 a month for 2 or 3 weekly packets) to 400 outlets, including some 100 underground papers, and has reportedly persuaded many "drug culture" papers to emphasize politics.

The basic belief is that a "new journalism" is taking shape in America, totally outside the province of Established Journalism and that radicals are leading the movement. It also assumes that the established media are incapable of printing the truth about anything important. In a bitter dispute recently, the Liberation News Agency split into two factions, both of which are attempting to continue publication as the one and only Liberation News Service.

Stokely CARMICHAEL, recently disassociated from SNCC amidst much fanfare, reportedly may be trying to organize his own group or to establish an association with The Black Liberators, a militant black organization with headquarters in St. Louis, Missouri. He continues to speak out urging blacks to arm, prepare for guerrilla warfare and to have an undying hatred for whites.
SOURCE: Police sources through FBI - IN 82365

Although CARMICHAEL seemingly has moved closer to the Black Panther Party, it appears that the BPP leadership is not yet ready to further share their power. CARMICHAEL's ouster from SNCC has left SNCC with internal dissension as a number of CARMICHAEL supporters remain in SNCC and do not fully accept the current leadership.

The long murder trial of Huey P. NEWTON, Black Panther leader, went to the jury on 5 September 1968. The only Negro member of the jury was elected its foreman. The verdict will be awaited with considerable interest. Ever since NEWTON's arrest the case has received great attention and publicity and has marked by almost continuous protests and demonstrations. The BPP and others have threatened extensive retribution if NEWTON is not freed and has brazenly stated that they will secure his release legally or by other means. It must be assumed that a verdict of "guilty" will result in some disorder and disturbance. Its proportions cannot be forecast.

According to COMBAT, the new conservative National Review, newsletter - Hippies poured a fortune in LSD into reservoirs expecting "to turn the Convention on." They were dismayed at the lack of results. Combat said - Chlorinated water instantly neutralizes LSD.^o The contaminants were caught by police and arrested, but the news wasn't

given out, fearing panic in the city.

NOTE: No other indication of the above has been noted from other sources.

The August 13 deadline for registration of rifles and shotguns under New York City's law passed with only a little more than 70,000 registrations, about 1/3 of the 225,000 long guns estimated by licensing bureau officials to be owned by some 75,000 persons. Owners of unregistered guns face maximum penalties of a year in jail and a \$500 fine, plus confiscation of their weapons.

Activities of Possible Interest Tentatively Scheduled for Fall of 1968

- 4 September 17-25 Columbia University will be the site of an International Assembly of Revolutionary Student Movements. It is being sponsored by the Columbia Strike Coordinating Committee, which has been working on the conference throughout the summer. It will be the first conference of this type held in the United States and will be one of the major events of the fall season at Columbia. (Washington Free Press - 9/1-14/68)
- September 26 Trial of Mark RUDD, SDS leader during Columbia University disorders, is currently scheduled for 26 September.
- October 12 GI's and Veterans for Peace group is organizing an anti-Vietnam War protest march in San Francisco. No permit has been granted yet and none may be issued because of conflict with the Annual Columbus Day Parade.
- October 12-15 A National Council meeting of SDS is to be held at the University of Colorado. Issues to be considered include: High school activities; and Development of a Labor organization program. SDS has decided that cooperation with workers is desirable to strengthen its position.
- October 10-27 According to The London Times, Scotland Yard has uncovered a plot by armed extremists to seize government buildings and the U. S. and Russians embassies during an anti-Vietnam war rally. The extremists reportedly

were made up of American students and "draft dodgers" in Britain who were backed by "foreign capital." Senior Scotland Yard officials reportedly said the plot posed a situation "potentially as violent" as the student rioting in Paris the past spring. Scotland Yard officially declined comment. The Times said simultaneous demonstrations were planned in France, Germany, and Italy. The extremists have no connection with the organizers of the demonstrations but merely planned to act during them. "The aims of these extremists seem to be to usurp authority and disrupt the administration," the Times quoted a government source as saying.

November 1968 A "Monroe Court-in" is planned for Monroe, North Carolina, if Robert F. WILLIAMS, the radical black nationalist, returns to face trial on a kidnapping charge, etc. The protest and disruptive activity would be timed for the presidential election. It does not appear likely that WILLIAMS will risk returning to face trial although it is possible that his ego leads him to believe that the threat of violence if he were convicted, is sufficiently formidable to assume that the court would treat him gently.

November 4 Trial of Sirhan Bishara SIRHAN for the murder of Robert F. KENNEDY is set in Los Angeles.